WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1876.

MAYOR , CANADAY AND THE

We learn that late on Saturday the counsel employed by the city authorities to assist the Solicitor for the State in the prosecution of Mr. James Heaton, the present clerk of the court, now under indictment for interfering with the election in 1874, were notified by Mayor Canaday that their services were no longer needed, and that it was not desired they should give any further aid in the prosecution.

So far as the public are informed, and so far as the public are concerned, no reason exists now why Mr. Heaton should not be prosecuted that has not existed all slong. If Mr. Heaton unlawfully and with force and arms sought to break up the election in August, 1874, and thereby disturbed the peace of the city and endaugered the lives of the citizens, he ought to be punished, and ought to be punished severely and to the fullest extent of the law. The mere lapse of time takes nothing from his guilt, if guilty he be-All these long months the city authorities have thought it proper to have counsel employed to prosecute the in dictment. But now, within three days of the time when it is expected the trial will begin, Mayor Canaday withdraws from the counsel their authority to appear in the case. The result is that the Solicitor will be taken by surprise and consequently will be unprepared to do justice to the case, it being the well known practice when counse are employed to assist the State tleave the preparation of the case in

We desire to speak perfectly dispassionately about the matter, nor do we desire to do injustice to Mayor Canaday, indeed we sincerely trust there is some other explanation of conduct so surposition that Mayor Canaday was acting in collusion with Mr Heston and manuscript. took that means to ensure his acquittal. What the Mayor's motive in this matofficer of our city, especially charged ererce thereto. with the preservation of the peace of the city, should pursue a course that interded, to screen from full investi gation and trial a man charged with one of the most flagrant violations of the peace of the city ever committed within its limits and the effect upon the public peace so patent a fact is

likely to have.

And we regret, too, especially the action of Mayor Canaday, for the reason that we have thought and we have said publicly and privately that, in so far as his efforts to preserve the peace were concerned, that Mayor Canaday had done his duty discreetly, but at the same time fearlessly and faithfully. But whatever may have been our opinion in the past, the action of the Mayor in dismissing the counsel employed by the city on the eve of the trial of Mr. Heaton, requires us t speak out plainly. This certainly is no time to withdraw from any evil doers the terrors of the law Certainly it is no time to withdraw from men disposed to interfere with the conduct of elections by violencethe terrors of the law. On noother day in the year is a breach of the peace so liable to produce so grave consequences as on the day of election. On that day in every city, but more especially in the city of Wilmington, is it true that a spark may kindle a flame that may involve the whole city. One has but to remember the scenes of elecit is for these streets of ours to run as fellows:

Realizing this fact and remembering that we are about to enter upon a polical campaign, that for warmth and in the history of State, this act of the Mayor is doubly to be deplered. The white people of this city earnestly desire to preserve the peace of the city but it may as well be understood first as last that they do not intend to be deprived of their rights at the ballot box. Feeling thus, and knowing what violence may lead to, they view, with nudisguised regret, the action of the

Mayor in taking a step that has the appearance of being an effort to put e State at a disadvantage in the We most sincerely trust there is some explanation of the strange conduct of pears upon the face of it, and if there be, we shall be most glad to know it. and to let the public know it. But we cannot repeat too often that the presermatter of the very gravest concern.

HON. A. W. VENABLE. The Raleigh Biblical Recorder con. cludes an eloquent and deserved tribute to the memory of Mr. Venable in

the following words: ceive them and believe in Jesus. He ern votes and the 15 votes of Indiana, was not ashamed of the cross of Christ. there would be but 49 more required seem to falter in his faith in God. His whether political or otherwise. He even afford to lose New York; if Caliwas especially favored in his declining

templations, as his mortal life appreached its termination, were largely of those higher and better things that zon, and its light was mellowed by the coming radiance in which it was soon to disappear. It was not dissipated or lost. It has risen in a new sky, never to go down again. Its beams linger still in our sky, and we hold their golden threads in our memory. 'The path of the just shines more and more unto the perfect day."

"Though hidden, he is still a sphere, Serene, refined from earthly dross, Eternal, and intensely clear."

SENATOR RANSO 1. The great speech delivere by Sena tor Ransom last year seems to have left a lasting impression upon the Senate of the United States and it has placed the speaker in the very front rank in that body. We a e continually seeing complimentary notices of that speech, but during a very recent lebate in the Senate there was a referthan he Living in a county nled every true North Carolinian.

resolution in regard to the publica. Judicial District ruled over by negroes, peaches actually delivered to be pubished in the Congressional Record. An amendment was offered prohibiting the reading of speech's from

In opposing the amendment, Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, himself one the ablest members of the body, make he following reference to the great speech of Senator Ransom, placing it first among the offerts delivered by the recognized leaders of the American

I think I can conform myself to any rule that may be adopted by the Senate. I sometimes deliver specches ere from manuscript; and, if I should oraneously, I think they might peraps be twice as long and twee as inbut follow the example of other and taken from the Indianapolis Journal more distinguished Senators. I remost elequent speeches that have been divered in this body was delivered the House of Representatives at the om manuscript by the Sonator from convening of the House each day. In rom Ohio in point of years, if not of ways in the habit of delivering his precies from manuscript or from printed slips. I mean the late Mr. Samu r. I could also name a brilliant enator from Missouri who was frespeeches from mann-cript. Why, sir, that we have had here for the last five or six years by the Senator from Indima [Mr. Morton] have been from

ter may be we know not. Nor is it | Senator Ranson had very full notes material to know the motive. What before him, and occasionally used his we are chiefly concerned with manuscript, but the speech for the is the patent fact that the chief | most part was delivered without ref-

and graceful recognition of the merits of North Carolina's distinguished son,

PRINIDENTIAL FIGURING.

The solution of the problem of decting the next President depends upoa the securing of 185 electoral totes, and speculations as to the prob- eminently successful. abilities and possibilities of the coming contest being vow in order, the St. Louis Times presents the following views and figures with no desire to exaggerate Democratic bopes, but rather in a spirit of caucious impartiality. It is never wise, says the Times, to over-estimate one's own memy. Many a battle has been lost

by over-confidence. In surveying the aremies what every criminal is enti-Assuming simply fair nominations

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tion day in 1874 to realize how easy | State exe pt South Carolina, in all 131. neim in this campaign, and we must have them. "Principles and not men."

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Leaving the following States doubt:

Hampshire, 5 Indiana.....

complexion of the other six, The fight will be in Ohio and Indiana. If the October with anything like a decisive interests of the great Commonwealth marshal and his efficient assistants. majority, they are absolutely certain of every doubtful State, or of 239 out of 369 electoral votes. If on the other vation of the peace of our city is a hand Ohio and Indiana should go Republican, the Republicans would very probably secure a sufficient number of the doubtful States to have a majority to subserve the cause of Democracy.

forward, conscientious and scrupu-If the result of the Ohio election lously adherent to duty, and commands should not be deci ive; if for instance, the confidence and esteem of all who "But the crowning glory of his life Indiana should go Democratic and know him. "But the crowning glory of his life was the crowning glory of his life was his humble trust in Christ, and his consistent walk for many years as lawyer, it is consistent walk for many years as lawyer. It was a lawyer in the street of the crown as a lawyer in the street of the crown as a lawyer in the street of the crown as a lawyer in the street of the crown as a lawyer in the street of the crown as a lawyer in the street of the crown as a lawyer in the street of the crown as a lawyer in the street of the crown as a lawyer in the street of the crown as a lawyer in the street of the crown as a lawyer in the street of the crown as a lawyer in the street of the crown as a lawyer in the street of the crown as a lawyer in the street of the crown a member of the Presbyterian Church. vember, the contest becoming very like others, but never, in the stormiest | York with 35, New Jersey with 9 and office. times, when the things of the world Connecticut with 6 votes would fur-Before the people he would be irresmost absorbed his attention, did he nish these. Carrying Ohio in addition nature; his impetuous, stirring elo-nature; his impetuous, stirr would swell the certain Democratic quence, and his genial humor, render the mind-speaking on the first battlevery vehemence was a sign of the vote to 168 or within 17 of the neces- him a great favorite on the stump, and ground of the Revolution to an audidepth and sincerity of his convictions, sary majority. In that case we could few can equal him in his sway over a

popular assembly. even afford to lose New York; if California, Connecticut and New Jersey bring him before the public. I believe could be carried, or we could spare he has peculiar claims upon the Demo-Connecticut and New Jersey if we cratic party. Since the Convention of carry Wisconsin. But, practically, the contest will be settled by the result of the October elections. The Presidenthe October elections. But, practically, the member, he has continuously been in private life, save during campaigns, when he would gird on his armor to who announced that the exercises of pertain to life eternal. His sun de-pertain to life eternal. His sun de-scended slowly, lingering on the hori-The first of Vermont's contributions of statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the old hall have done none of the hard labor of the statuary to be placed in the statuary to be pla

vativeism deserves some reward. I hardly think that the mild-mannered of the House of Representatives, has been received at the Capitol at Washington. The statue is that of Gen. been received at the Capitol at Washington. The statue is that of Gen. Ethan Allen, by Meade, and was removed from the case and set up on Saturday. It is said to be really a fine piece of statuary, and, worthy the attention of admirers of art.

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Moore's Greek Centennial

In another column will be found a

communication recommending Ed-

ward Conigland, E-q., of Halifax

county, as a suitable candidate for the

office of Attorney General of North

Carolina. We heartily endorse every

word our correspondent says of Mr

Conig'and's meri's and qualifications

and of his disinterested services to the

party. No man has a better record

over by negroes, in a Congressional

District ruled over by negroes, and in

Mr. Conigland has nevertheless

labored as ea: nestly and as constantly

and as faithfully as if political prefer-

ment was all the while in his reach.

We believe in the policy of rewarding

the men who work for the party. It

has been too much the case with the

Democratic party of North Carolina

that one man has done the work and

order to satisfy the curious and stop

the lies on this subject, I will give

give you the facts: This position is

filled by John T. Chancey, who was a

Union soldier, and who has been em-

by me to fill this particular position.

He willingly does his duty and does it

be sufficiently satisfactory."

in the archives of the society.

Edward Conigland, Esq.

cannot suffice for our exclusive slogan

now. While we must have principles-

the grand old principles of North Car-

o ina Conservativism-we must have

the best and purest of our citizens to

As a private citizens, he is straight-

well. This explanation will, I hope,

they to enjoy its honors.

A PERFECT SUCCESS

ELOQUENT SPEECHES

GRAND TURN OUT OF THE YEOMANRY.

Aroused Patriotism, and the Greatest Good Feeling - Five Thousand People Present.

The one hundreth anniversary of the battle of Moore's Creek Bridge was celebrated on Monday, the 28th ult. on the battle ground. The multitude present on the occahe most sanguine p omoters of the bad rule and ought to be changed and celebration thought it was possible to now is the time to do it. If men will i not work for the party neither ought | ble circumstances. It was variously persons. We heard no estimate lower than four thousand. Our own opin-Mr. L. H. Fitzhugh, Doorkeeper of ion is that the multitude, if rumber- honor. the House of Representatives, writes ed-men, women and children-would as follows to the Louisville Courier. not fall far, if any short of five thousand-among them the very handsome Journal: "I noticed in the Couriermilitary companies of Wilmington, eresting. In doing this, bowever, I Journal of February 16, an article the Wilmington Light Infantry, and the Wilmington Light Artillery, acin regard to the man employed in my Club. But large as was the crowd, it department who hoists the flag over would have been at least a third larger had not this entire section been

visited in the early morning by an unusual disturbance of the elements. people bad prepared themselves to debrate a great action of their illusions ancestors. Peal after peal of thunder rent the air, and cloud answered back to cloud the deafening ounds, as if to do honor to the heroid lead, whose magnificent schievement at Moore's Creek Bridge one hundred years ago contributed so largely in shaping the distinies of a continent. The storm kept back large numbers and to send after those who had gone

We cannot refrain from expressing the pleasure a perusal of Capt. Ashe's | Wilmington. These, when the skies address at Moore's Creek has given in a few hours became clear, were left us. It is a production that does credit to nurse their regrets in the dull city, to him and to the State, and that, too, to the battle ground their longing whether we consider its literary exe- wishes to be with the patriotic throng. eution, the historical research it The steamer North State with the displays, the patriotic sentiments it contains, or the honest loyal devotion the steamer North East, with "citi- goal of their hopes. But still, onof the writer to the fair fame and good | zens generally" and representatives of | ward they pressed, through disaster, name of the old North State. We the press, reached the landing not through perils, without clothing, with the Historical Society of the State as two or three miles off, in a procession and fully determined illustration of one of the brightest trians and equestrians, with all man | The history of the world presents no pages in the history of the State, and ner of vehicles interspersed. When grander spectacle tuan the feeble as such well worthy of preservation the winnington delegation reached domagainst the exhaustless power of Bishop Quintard, of Tenuessee, who

is now in England collecting funds for the University of the South, has been greatly added to the interest of the illustrious. Well may she be occasion and gave su imposing ap-Messes. Editors: - There never was the sun of the 26th of February rose time in the history of North Carolina when a more urgent need existed for than there will be in our next election. The Democratic party, by the amendments to the Constitution, staked their all upon the results of this year's men were hurrying to and fro, their duty with unabated zeal till the comwork; and to secure that victory which is equivalent to a mastery in the State joys of social intercourse, but to meet from their country. for years, they must avail themselves of every possible element of popularity. evil. The yeomanry of the Cape Fear when no man can work. All the reources and in zennity of Radical office- rapidly to the point at which the prejudices of the multitude-very in of arresting their progress. Anxiety strument of governmental briberyfor the result, fear for the effects of all the wealth and patronage of the rulers at Washington, will be enlisted eld dear, could not be absent from against us; and only by strennous the hearts of the best and bravest, as effor s and popular candidates can we they looked forward to the morrow. usure success. The sun that sots upon that day will leave us a happy, disen- c tizens celebrated in peace and harthrailed people, who have proved themmony on Monday, one hundred years selves worthy of the prestige of their fathers, or a people groveding in the dust of bondage, paralleled only by marked by gentle elevations, the sites he serfdom of Russia. We want the ablest and most influential men at the

And the 27th, which so many of our ago, presented a very different appearof fermer embankments, and where wothe shotless cannon stood on Monday orth the messengers of death on the Fear section. stand forth before the people as the advancing foe. The plain wooden

may practically decide the political in the State, and always he has been struggle their sizes may have honestly subsequent battle for independence. a consistent, uncompromising advo- differed. cate of the rights of the people. Al. The programme, as laid down by ways his warm, generous nature has the Committee of Arrangements, was sentation, how they heard with labored, unweariedly, to advance the carried out to the letter, by the chief burning indignation of the he loves; and, amid all the discouragements of misrule-amid all the largely composed of ladies, seemed to liberties of British subjects, and reenticings of the firsh-pots of Egypt, which caused the hearts of so many the occasion. Subdued fervor and tegrity in short, how they solemnly to grow lake-warm-he has persistently unostentations patriotism pervaded sought to aid her in her hours of sadevery heart, and induced all present to any attempt to import or use the ness and battled bravely, on the lend attentive ear to the words which | stamps within this colony. stump, with the pen-by every means, fell from the lips of the different oraedless to speak. His reputation is

memory.

tney had ceased, were tollowed by the introduction of the first speaker,

As pilgrims seek some sacred shrine to make their vows to martyred saints. so do we gather here, my countrymen, to render hornige to the patriots of other days.

H-re, in this secluded spot, we find in after where we may lay our votive offering to Patriotism and love of coun-We come with thankful hearts to recall the heroism and self-oblation of our fathers; to do honor to the memo ry of bold and gallant men; and to learn from the record of their deeds. how patriots can suffer-and through their suffering and endurance at length win victory over the enemies of their Here is the scene of the first shock

of ar ns in the cause of American independence. Here fell those who first gave their life blood that America might be fr ed from thraidom-and asion was far greater than that which from subjection to the British yoke. And now, after a century of years has completed its charmed circle, their bring together under the most favora- deeds of daring are still held in high" renown: and with emotions of most fervid patriotism, a grateful posterity now draw around the scene of the conflict to land their names and do them

> memuter in the cause of separation and independence merit all the enconiums we will pronounce, all the eulogies our tongues can utter. Worthy are they and their compatriots of all the gratitude our hearts can eel: of all the reverence we can rightfully bestow upon mortal man The undertaking in which they enthe experience of mankind. The task was difficult of performance; the contest so unequal that the stoutest heart might well have quailed at the loubtful issue of the enterprise, and the bravest of the land might well

And well do the actors in that first

hey threw away the scabbord Their earts were set on freedom, and they reared aloft their standard bearing ne determined motto of "Liberty of

hat protracted struggle, they cast no glance backward at the life of ease erly been their happy lot.

Hardships, exposure, disease, desolation of their cherished homes de military companies, the Cornet Concert | vastation of entire States-all came to Club, and a number of citizens, and try their souls and turn them from the the Wilmington delegation reached American colonies striking for freestands to the memory of the heroes of | the most formidable empire of modern the fight, the crowd already assembled | Europe. And in that great drama of was so large as not to be perceptibly human endeavor North Carolina was ncreased by this new addition, all assigned by the sovereign rulers of though the military and the band nations a part at one, conspicuous and proud of her sons during the whole course of that Revolutionary period. One hundred years ago in the time No State has a brighter record; none of which the eloquent orators on Mon- was more fixed in principle; more bold day spoke far better than we can write, in action, more resolute in the dark pleasurable feelings and anticipations with the mother country that eventu han those which on Monday occupied ally culminated in the final separation the minds of them who gathered ther - of the colonies from Britain, her sons elves around this monument to the yielded to none in their devotion to struggle was seen approaching, the steadily pursued the chosen path of ordinary avocations neglected, not for plete consummation of their desires

the pleasures of a gay pageant, or the came, and the shackles were stricken danger and guard against threatened | Our people had long been noted for their boldness, their resolution, their inand the Neuse were wetching the pro- difference to danger. From the earligress of the clansmen and gathering ost times their treatment of Governors holders-every appeal to the fears and stand was to be made for the purpo e ocracy. They brooke i no exercise of rbitrary authority and were ever ready o resort to hard I lows on slight profulure upon the cause, which patriots vocation And particularly did the people of the Cape Foar give token of capacity, bravery and indomitable courage.

> When old Brenswick was attacked by the Spaniards in 1748 her some of the squadron, and saved their town from plunder and destruction.

In the long continued French and Indian wars, our troops penetrated far and the capture of Fort Duquesue, in 1757, was chiefly due to the pluck and bravery of John Rogers, a sergeant in a battalion of North Carolinians, commanded by Maj. Waddell, of our Cape

Later, when the storm between product and representative of those bridge was then plankless, and the Great Britain and the colonies began principles. The masses do not stop causeway through the swamp, and the to brew, and the ministry resorted to to weigh, with very much nicety, the- dark waters of the sluggish creek oppressive measures, and parliament ories and id as; they will be greatly formed the deathbed of many who rose passed the stamp act taxing the colfluenced by personal popularity and that morning full of lusty life. On onists without allowing them reprepersonal magnetism. With them, a Monday hundreds pointed to the sentation, our people, though ardently cause is what its leaders make it, stump beside which the brave High, attached to the person of the King, 22 We of the east are desirous of giving land leader fell, or stood lazely on the full of loyalty to his government, took : Attorney General to North Caros bridge and talked of musket; still a bold and defiant stand, and deterina, and a man whom the people buried in the alluvial bed of the mined with one accord that they would would delight to honor, is to be found stream, or looked for shot marks in oppose to the death, the execution of in the per on of Edward Conigland, of some of the old trees. The descend | the obnoxious measure. You know | Habfax. His record as a politician ants of the men of the 27th met on well that bright page in our country's without a blemish. He has filled Monday in peace, although, perchance, history which perpetuates the details many high positions of trust and honor at that early stage in the revolutionary of that preliminary skirmish in the How our fathers made their solemn protest against taxation without repre-

The extensive assemblage, which was they called to mind their boasted wholly imbued with the spirit of solved to maintain them in all their indetermined to resist to their utmost

tors. Four orations were delivered: did arrive at the mouth of the river, the first by Captain S. A. Ashe of bearing the royal ensign of Great Raleigh, formerly of Wilmington—a descendant of the John Ashe who, with Hugh Waddell, resisted the landing of Hugh Waddell, resisted the landing of Hoper were animated by a zeal quick to saction the defence of the Hugh Waddell, resisted the landing of Hoper were animated by a zeal quick to saction the defence of the line. It was her delegates in Convenient and of Hamett and of Hoper were animated by a zeal quick to saction the defence of the line. It was her delegates in Convenient and of Hamett and promoted him to a generalcy in the Continental halter—now thy day of retribution draweth nigh; nowshalt that Governor, rifice all in the defence of the line. It was her delegates in Convenient and of Hamett and promoted him to a generalcy in the Continental halter—now thy day of retribution draweth nigh; nowshalt that Governor, rifice all in the defence of the line. It was her delegates in Convenient and of Hamett and promoted him to a generalcy in the Continental line, and bestowed upon him the commend of the Department of the South. Hugh Waddell, resisted the landing of royalty, captured her and carried coextensive with the State. Of great the second by E. W. Kerr, Esq., events that ensued; how the people, tegal learning, and large and varied of Sampson; the third by Rev. J. N. inflamed to desperation by this in inflamed to desperation by this in addresses of these gentlemen, sur- market place, and there made him never to execute the law-never to discharge the duties of his office! Those stamps were sent back to Euglandence which was composed of the des- and I am informed may row be seen, ment which had been erected to their and determination of our people. They had raised the banner of "no taxation But before these addresses were de- without representation," and they livered the assembly was called to or dared to make good their words der by Dr. S. S. Satchwell, Chairman even though death should follow, Later, when the ministry of Great our people calmly prepared for resis They still professed loyalty to the

most stirring strains, which, when the people, and by these North Carolina was wholly governed.

This was the beginning of the end. It was the first step in that series of North Carolina. And when, in April, 1775, the people of Massachusetts were mas-acred at Lexington, popu-The 3 dony became a scene of fierce excitement. Cooriers rode hastily from point to point arousing the people committees of safety hastily assembled. The committee for New Hanover on miting thousands under every tiof religion and honor as a band in defence of their country against every Conneils shall decree it necessary, they fice their lives and fortunes to secure

her freedom and safety. And the same resolutions were the next day adopted and signed by the committees for all the counties of the days before feels well assured of the Here and there, perhaps, an advanced Cape Fear district.

Gov. Martin fled in dismay from Newbern to Wilmington, where he of b ttle on the evening of the 25th, and general desire for separation. The could easily gain safetyon his ships of at once prepares for the inevitable enwar. But alas for his peace of mind! counter. He places his men across So in 800 stalwart men appeared at his this peninsular, and throws up those doors and inspired him with such ter- earthworks that still bear a silent tesror that he hurried v abandoned this timony of that fatal lay. And then last resting place on terra firms and that little band of patriots calmiy found protection and mental relief at a await the moment of battle. Well safe distance from the shore.

With his flight ended the last vesand marched down beneath the very have shrunk from its well known perils and all the penalties of disins wicked ministers and defled all the band, determined to survive no defeat, imultaneously in other parts of the American independence. Wilmington, Edenton and the

commend the address to the officers of much after twelve o'clock, and those out munitions; steadfastly believing ever offended the ear of royalty. They Caswell approached, and halted on the desire for independence. As late as works which you yourselves have on board started for the ground, some in the righteousness of their cause, sought not merely their ancient rights other side of the stream. At nightfall January, 1776, New Hampshire made wrought, and there will be found a But we accept the compliments, as an eloquent, truthful, and faithful consisting of civil and military, pedesas subjects, but rather independence, he lit his campfire, and then quie ly the same protest, and declared that patriotism as ennobling, a courage as country. Such was the spirit of line. The planks of the bridge were tion. And later still, the caused of aught that is written in song or story

> Fear were disposed to sustain the royal waving his sword and calling on his lians. The King's speech in Parlia- marvelous valor, your chivalrons caren in arms against the King across found their grave in the waters of the reconciliation. His employing Hest very jaws of death. I would tell he water, and were subdued and en creek, how the steady fir of the heroic sians to subdue the colonies, caused a them that if they gave to their connrely subjugated. After their disas- sons of New H mover repulsed the vet- revulsion of feeling against him so try's cause a Moore, a Howe, a Nash, rous failure, the survivors of their erans of Chiloden, time and again, as great that he was utterly cast out from a Caswell, a Iones, a Hogan, a Sumorave army had been decimated—the often as they rushed to the deadly pass | the hearts of his people. Besides, an | ner, an Iredell, a Johnston, a Graham, wentieth men as they stood in the to renew the contest. But at length extraordinary pamphlet, entitled a Davie, an Avery, an Ashe, ye have ranks had been led to execution; the Slocumb's company, belonging to Cas | Common Sense, then appeared and given to a cause as a cred, a Pettiothers found respite from igno- well's troops, being necessarily in the took America by storm. Copies grew, an Anderson, a Whiting, a nimous death only in exile. They had rear, forded the creek and struck the were eagerly seized as fast as Campbell, a Fisher, and 56,000 laattempted insurrection and had tusted foiled enemy on the flink, and by a the printers could turn them mented dead, worthy of their sires. I he bitter fruits of disaster. Their galling and well directed fire, drove out, and spread throughout all would tell them that with the name of language, their habits, their traditions them from the road; and Lallington, the country. It purported to give a their hero, Lallington, we have interwere all different from those of the neet that they were bedient to the oyal commands. Many of the old thacks be to the Giver of Victories a objects of government were freedom Carolinians till time shall be no more. Regulators were in no mood to join in | shield was interposed over our patriot | and security; that the republic was the | I would tell them that if with the and her undertaking against the estab- band in the hour of their peril. Thus only form of government not based on great Washington they achieved vicish d government. They had twice ended the first battle of the Revolu- usurpation, tyranny and oppression, tory in the cause of independence, need dispersed by the very sous of tion where the issue was independence Its effect was to open up new channels and received the applause of the iberly who now urged them to unite and entire separation. Happy augury! of thought; to one stalize into utter. world for their virtue and heroism, we, beneath a common standard in a new Auspicious event! A victory all but ance the undefined feeling of in pendrebellion. They were bound by a bloodless to the patriots of Americal ence then making its way throughout grander Lee, have learned to enduce trong oath to obey the royal Gov- The utter and complete discompture the masses of the country. It tore the ernor, and the pardon of the King for of the enemies of their country. Moore King from his high place in the affecher past offences was promised as an arrived the succeeding day, and at once tion of his Am rican subjects and eniduc-ment to keep them steadfast in sat about disarming the insurgents nobled them with the thought that their loyalty. Association papers had and securing the fruits of the victory, they were created the equal of the heroes sleep. been busily distributed by adroit Eight en hundred stands of arms, most exalted sovereign. agents throughout the country in which | seventy-five thousand dollars in gold. ey resided, and all who could be per- many wagons and horses and a great trical! Protestations against separaa ded, or browbeaten or forced, were quantity of stores quite invaluable to tion now gave place to demands for memorate. James Moore, the comnade to sign as a test of their allegi- the army were soon recovered, and independence. The thought of reconance to the King of Great Britain. So near one thousand prisoners were ciliation became a passing dream. great a number thus gave in their ad taken. The misguided privates were There were none who spoke for it, serence to the royal cause that Martin | released and hastened to their homes | none who desired it, save only those | military affairs. His father while still called for ten thousand stands of arms | The most serive and influential of the | whose circumstances in life had rends | young had led a column from Charleswherewith to equip them. He sent officers were removed either to other ered them inimical to America. A new ton through the umbrokes wilderness ommission to some thirty persons parts of the colony or sent to Pennsyl- light had burst upon the colonists; it to protect the people of this proin that section of the State, suthoriz | vania and distant provinces. The in- | was the sun of independence. With | vince from the ing them to array all the King's loyal surrection was wholly quelled. The its bright coming old things passed saults of the Indians. After an subjects and march to Brunswick. The Congress of the Province shortly af away. No longer was the watchword and done contest he was entirely sucappointed time was the middle of Feb | terwards assembled at Halifax, issued | of battle, "our rights as British sub. | cessful. He broke forever the power

> lowers, men who knew his valor, who Peter Parker's fleet with the seven a government founded on the equal est order, and his associates consideras only soldiers love their ideal he- been delayed in its departure, and right of a king torule. These were the was selected to cammand the first roes, acting in quiet concert, the afterwards met further delays from ennobling thoughts that influenced the regiment of regulars raised in the disaffected among the Regulators rose storms at sea. Truly the God of mind of America just a hundred years | State. His first duty was the suppresen masse and joined the royal stand- Freedom, the friend of the oppressed, ago; that inspired Moore and Caswell sion of McDonald's insurrection, and ard. By Feburary 18th their num- was interposing in behalf of the threat- and Lillington and all their true fol in that short campaign he gave evibers had swolien to near three thousand. At the same moment the : hips of war, that had long sain off old Bruswick, advanced and took position in Charleston, of Portland, of Norfolk, commemorate. front of Wilmington. Apparently the | was a fearful warning to the patriots |

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Colonel Caswell, said to have been the comparison of their rights and impending calamity, perils and impending calamity and impending calamity and impending calamity and impending calamity a ernor, and there beneath the flag of ready to better down the torn, and a collaborative old England, forced the representative tremendous army momentarily expectative tremendous army momentarily expectative the anticipated invasion. All was mind, his quickness in grasping the essentials of a case, and his power as estricted space compel us to confine of the motion of the British crown to yield up to ed. But as the danger is great, so is the arrival of England's grand armada, characters evolved during the arrival of England's grand armada, characters evolved during the arrival of England's grand armada. He had his frailties and his vanities, to secure the necessary 185. New summarist, peculiarly fit him for the our notice, to do anything like justice their hands the stomp officer, whom the courage of the shows steady. They of the husbands, and mothers blessed the arrival of England's grand armada, to all four of the elequent and able they bore in triumphal march to the shrink not from the issue. They are their brave boys, as they warned them we flaw from our masthead the pennon tion. He was a politician of the denotation and able they bore in triumphal march to the shrink not from the issue. They are their brave boys, as they warned them buoyed with the hope that 'tis not "to die with their faces to the foe." of separation, and instructed our deleiways the strong who are victorious. More than 9,000 men sprang to arms gates in Congress, in Avance of any Moore, whose name bath ever been and lined our seashore, prepared to other colony, to vote for a Declaration te synonym of all that is noble in welcome the invaders to bloody graves. nature and glorions in action, marches | So it happened that when at length on with his 500 Regulators from New May 3rd, the expected fleet appeared. cendants of the heroes of the bettle, well preserved, in Queen Victoria's Hanover and Brunswick to meet the it was met by Gen. Ashe with thousand under the shadow of the monu- storehouse, a monument to the bravery insurgents; the militia of Bladen and ands of patriots at his back, and not Cur operland fly to his standard. Lil- one renegade! Cornwallis, with his ington, with his minute men, has en veteran regiments, were like a famous erence what is noble and daring in the chambers as well as on the battle field. to his assistance, and Ashe gethers up King of France, who with twice twen- conduct of men. a hundred volunteers to join in the ty thousand men, marched up a hill ray And Craven, Dup in, and Samp. | and then marched down again. son, Lenoir, Wayne and Greene, even who announced that the exercises of Britain, crazed with animosity, enraged Wake, send forth their sons to the quer. Which way soever he cast his rescue; Caswell takes the field and eye on the adjacent shore his v sion lit sunshine and gloom, of hope and deshund eds rally around his flag. And on brave Carolinians ever ready to try pondency, of victory and defeat, there To him and his men really belong the right nobly do the western counties

panies throw down their arms and return to their peacetus homes. Me movement that led to the downfall of Danald alarmed, aband us his at the royal government. Hereafter the tack, precipitately ratires, crosses the people, and the people only, ruled in river at night and akes a road where there may be no lion in his path to dispute his progress. We shall see. her indignation knew no bounds, at Corbett's Ferry. His road is blocked! Again the wily : Highlander, who is versed in all the strategy of war, resorts to a movement on to action. That blood of Lexington flank, and retiring crosses the Buch

was the seed of Am rican liberty. The | and gains the Sampson road to Wil mington. Now he is free : the road is open; the way is cheer! He will the 19th of June adopted a resolution surely gain the city and join the ships Moore, though not bred to arms, equal to the em-rgency. He quickly foe; and solemnly engaged that when- despatches Lillington and Ashe with ever the Continental or Provincial two hundred and fifty sons of New would go forth and be ready to sacri- post at Moore's Cr.ek, and orders Caswell to fall on the enemy's rear or join Lillington at this very spot where tant he yet selects his tattle field, and result of the expected co: flict.

Lillington reaches this selected place

tige of the royal government in the landers was proverbial; they were long | yielded love, affection, willing obe olony. But still the royalensign hung used to the vicissitudes of warfare; dience, and a reverence well nigh apover the battlement of Fort Johnson, a their leaders were bold, experienced, ortification erected as a protection to distinguished for their courage, and that were preludes to the great drama the river during the Spanish war. It famous for their valor. But Lilling of the American Revolution, were our troops with glory, but filled our aged was one of the noblest in all stood a menace to the rights of the ton and the brave boys of New Han- freely ascribed to the obstinacy of the cople, and the flat went forth that the over knew that their cause was just; ort must be destroyed. The men of their conscience approved their ment-never to the tyranny of the House, the daring encounters at New Hanover and Brunswick united motive and their action; their leaders | King. were neighbors and friends, were enguns of the Governor's ships, and, deared to their hearts by all the ties ckless of consequences, utter y de that bind manly men to kindred spirmoished it. Such were some of the its. It was independence they fought land to range themselves and aid them patriotic but treasonable acts of the for; with them the momentous issue in a righteous cause. Washington countrymen. But why should I speak and of the Cape Fear prior to the war. | was indeed "Liberty or Death." In | says that when he took charge of the | of the hardships of war, its necessary The actors in these scenes knew well those hours of anxious expectancy, army he abhored the idea of independance sacrifices, its perils and dark moments the penalty of their daring. Their those 250 citizen-soldiers, men grown bold deeds were in keeping with their up together, playmates in youth, prave words. Protesting their fidelity friends in manhood, stood side by side, protested: "We have been told that to King George, they loudly denounced with all the resolution of a Spartan independence is our object. Cruel

> ovince. Newbern was as pronounced | But not they alone were to hear the difficulties." shock of the coming storm. Others abermarle section were alive with were to share the perils and the honors vania Assembly enjoined her delegates atriots. Nor was the committee of of the day. Their brothers in arms- in the Continental congress to dissent towan less determined, less staunch, the gallant men of Duplin, of Wayne, from and utterly reject any proposi- faith of your fathers. On, ye sons of ess patriotic than their friends in the of Sampson, of Newbern-all those tion that may cause or lead to a separa-While at Charlotte, that hornet's well, swelled their ranks, dispelled the gloom of a doubtful contest and gave passed resolutions still more rositive on your own illustrious deeds; recall went still further and boldly passed them an assurance of victory.
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> O tolina as displayed by the acts of then removed, and all things were in Massachusetts, on the very field of of the highest deeds of mortal man. her sons. Call it treason if you will! readiness for the attack. At daybreak | battle, refused to ask instructions from | Oh, ye Carolinians of 1876! could I Call them reb is if you will. But they it came. The brave Highlanders the people on the quistion of inde. woo from the tomb your patriot fathers, neant to maintain their rights as men, reached the dismantled bridge and pendence. The army itself—those I would recount to them the story of to give their lives rather than tamely still pressed on. Lillington, towering bold men who had hastened even from your trials, the history of your fortiabout to the unlawful exactions of grandly among his stalwart men, en- the Southern colonies to the united tude. I would tell them of Wagner, Gov. Martin, seeing that the storm man endeavors. And Caswell! ol.! Boston—they, we are told by the hisvas about to burst, early began to Caswell, too, was there, in the thickest torian, still joined with their chap- burg, of the Wilderness-of a hundred amper with some of the inhabitants in of the fray. The result you know- lains in players for their King! how the advance guard of the enemy | But in February, 1776, all was change | brunt and gained the glory. lighlanders who had recently settled met their untimely fate; how the cour- ed. The burning of Norfolk had I would tell them of your discipline, o the western branc of the Cape ageous McLood died as heroes die, aroused the bot blood of the Virgin- your cool, steady courage, of your men to press on to victory; how many ment forever closed the door to ringe; your famous charges into the

> charging across the stream, completed | common sense view of the matter of | woven the name of our immortal Pen-The enemy suffered severely; but ruary, when there was expected a its manifesto, dec aring that it held jects" but "liberty or death," Eng. of the savages. His son, Geu. Moore, grand fleet from England bearing seven these insurgents as misguided friends, land, once the mother country, then was by nature equally bold and eneregiments, commanded by Earl Corn- and by a wise, moderate, and con | became the hated foreign foe! "I'was | getia. In all the measures in opposiwallis, together with millions of stores chiatary policy won over many in February, 1776, that the rebellion sition to Bristish tyranny he was and ten thousand stands of arms for to esponse the cause of America, came to be a revolution. It was then among the foremost of the gallant he North Carolina royalists. Gen- Some of these afterwards performed that the breath of the Deity passed patriots of his day. He warmly eseral McDonald, the celebrated High- signal service during the war. But over a hemisphere and embued its poused the cause of his country and land chieftain, performed well his part | the great peril to Wilmington was not | denizons with the spirit of freedom, | was a leader in all the hazardous unin this undertaking. He called around by the passed. She had escaped one him seven hundred of his devoted following another still portended. Sir a new government for the New World. His military talents were of the high-

> > truction. The villainous conduct of the battle field in that memorable con- have seen how he directed the movethe enraged British in the burning of test whose happy issue we to-day

He came, he saw, but did not con-

the temper of his steel. And so, after the destruction of Howe's plantation, the unwelcomed make the patriotic soldier the glory of carriage. He was a chief among the visitors extended their whitened wings the world. men at their back, hasten to tue some and sailed away. And the danger was passed; Wilmington was saved! Thus her Thermistocles, Sparta her Leonidas, afterwards created a General by the of action. All eyes, all hopes are

Had defeat met our army a hundred cara ago on this spot where we now able-that this would not have been the centeguisi year of the Declaration of American Independence Happily for us, and for themselves, the brave mor bullets a century since, knew no re-

ve-se Their star was the star of vic-

I have said that this is the field on which was fought the first battle fo independence. Certainly there had been prior conflicts between the patriots of America and the soldiers of Great Britain. But the fl g which the colo nists first bore to the war was the royal ensign of King George! They had fought in Massachu etts and had even carried the war into Canada. But the objet of the American soldiers had not been independence. Their bosoms were inflamed at the thought of their country's wrongs but they still profes-edahegiance to their sovereign while burling anathemas at the ministry thinker may have dreamed of inde-pendence. But still there was no thought of independence had not take root in the hearts of the people. The British constitution was the glory of Englishmen. It was regarded as the perfection of wisdom. No system then known was at all comparable to it. The King was the head of the state, the might they have dreaded the expected fount in of honor and the dispenser onslaught! The bravery of the High- of noble benefits. To him the people proaching adoration. All the troubles ministry, to the mistakes of Parlia- King's Mountain, Guilford Court

their rights as British subjects. They of our brave soldiers, whose every called continually on the men of Engnce. In the fall of 1775 the Convention of North Carolina unanimously suggestion! We again most solemnly their own good swords, rough-hewed powers of their government. And but there to make themselves, if need declare that it is our most earnest wish senes of similar import were enacted be, a willing offering in the cause of and prayer to be restored to our condition before the beginning of these

In November, 1775, the Pennsylagainst independence. New York, in the grand actions of yourselves and

government. It proclaimed all men der, and that together we will per-

The effect of all these causes was elecvenerated his virtues, who loved him regiments was daily expected. It had rights of man, and not the divine ling him unequalled in all Carolina, he ened town to preserve it from des- lowers, and first found expression on dence of unusual skill and capacity. We

city was doomed to capture. Oh, of the Cape Fear. But the prospect libation of American blood in the thou birth-place of patriots! Thou of adversity had no terrors for daunt- sacred cause of American independ-And when, at last, the ship Diligence that hath dared to rear aloft the less spirits. The followers of Moore (ence. These primeval pines witnessed standard of rebellion - whose sons have and of Lillington, the associates of the sacrifice and sing an everlasting tory. The Continental Congress also whose presence thou has spurned, great cause in which they were tion assembled that by a unanimous mand of the Department of the South. wick, Wilmington promptly resolved she was steady; when others were to obstruct the channel of the river weak, her sons were strong; dangers of Independence. This is the highest honor that belongs to any Ameri- of the Provincial Congress, and was can State. Well may we dwell upon it rewarded by promotion. He was afin the fond indulgence of honorable | terwards Governor of the State during pride. Well may we challenge for it the most trying years of the war, and the respectful homage of all who rev. | rendered good service in the council

> in detail the story of Carolina's glorious part in the struggle that ensued. During those seven years of alternate eye that the enemy's successive were many occasions for the display of honors of the victory. He was a man all those noble virtues that combine to of unusual size, of lofty mien, of noble

Rome had her Cincinnatus, Athens

Lillington, lending the earn of the Sate, and the cause would have re- of her substance and freely offered he c ived a blow from which it might sons upon the altar of liberty. From that day when our people divided their brend with the oppressed citizens i Boston, butil the ast scene in the Irama of Yorktown, we performed well our part in the common cause. We knew our duty and we perfo med t. We had at all times, I learn, be-

tween 4,000 and 5,000 men in the ranks of the continental line. Certain it is, that though the bulk of our troops were employed at the South, we vet had during that terrible winter of 1777, 2,000 men -t the North, Caswell writing after the fall of that admirable oldier Gen. Nash, at Germantown ments that here was no general offi eer from North Carolina in the whole Northern army, although we had troops adiers and one major-general. On every battle field at the North as well as to the Southward, after the war had well begun, ato bleached the bones of Carolinians. At the battle of Fort Moultrie we had two regiments, and our troops twice rejuised Cornwallis in his attempt to land on Sullivan's Island to storm the fortress, his ships of war wer unable to silence! From the third day of May, 1776, when we received him at Brunswick, till his final surrender on the 19th of October. 1781, we met Cornwallis on every bat-He field, and proved ourselves the equals of his famous veterans. A battalion of light-horse from the in the State of New York. The famous party that stormed Stony Point under the leadership of Mad Anthony Wayne was, I am informed, composed in a great part of Mej. Waddell's command

of North Carolinans, At Germantown we lost heavily; and Eutaw, the bloodiest battle of the war, covered Sta e with infinite mourning. Cowpens, Charlotte, Elizabethtown and oth-The colonists at first claimed only er points, well attest the valor and illustrative of the genius of their patriots of this later generation. You know its awful vicissitudes Ye are Ye are sprung from the loins of men maintain it. Nor have you in your day and generation been unworthy of wonderful, a heroism as God-like as battlefields where Carolinians bore the

and fortitude, and have buried our aspirations for separation and inde-

It may not prove uninteresting to say a word of the leaders in the events which we are here especially to commanding officer, was spring from an accestry long renowned for gallantry, dertakings of that rebellious period. misguided insurgents. The Council of State laid the palm at his feet and all his countrymen for his vicrecognized his merit and promoted

cratic school, and ever possessed the we and confidence of all the people of Carolina friendly to the rights of America. He, too, received the thanks To the lot of Lillington, however, did It would be tedious to pursue further the duty fall of guarding well this pass. His men first occupied the ground, and it was by his command, and under his motion from North Carolina, and was

triking contrast with his bold and vo-

cement nature. He fell a victim to